ALLEGAN FIRE DISTRICT ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TEN MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

May 23, 2007

To The Allegan Fire District's Fire Board Allegan County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Allegan Fire District, Allegan County, Michigan as of and for the ten months ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Fire District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Allegan Fire District, Allegan County, Michigan management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Allegan Fire District as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the ten months then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Allegan Fire District has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 2 and 16 through 17 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certified Public Accountants



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

This report represents an accurate view of the operations of the Allegan Fire District for the year ended 12/31/06. This report consists of a series of financial statements that detail the fiscal liquidity of the Allegan Fire District and the fiduciary responsibility of the Allegan Fire District board and its Fire Chief. In the first year of operation, the Allegan Fire District was able to set aside substantial monies for the purpose of updating our fire fighting equipment and we were also able to carry over an operational fund balance into 2007.

The Allegan Fire District plans to access some money from the Capital Equipment Fund in 2007 to refurbish Engine 15. There are no other major projects planned from this fund in 2007 so that we can continue to save money to implement our 15 year Equipment Purchasing Plan.

The Allegan Fire District has plans to install a new heating and air conditioning system in the Allegan city station in 2007. The Fire Chief and his officers are preparing for a comprehensive ISO review in 2007, hopefully resulting in lower insurance premiums for the district residents.

Our firefighters are highly trained and the very best in the area. They responded professionally to the merger of the two departments to become one cohesive unit. The Fire Chief has done an outstanding job in assisting the Fire Board and leading his firefighters. The Allegan Fire District and the communities we serve are very fortunate to have this group of dedicated professionals responding to our emergencies.

This financial report is intended to provide our community citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors with a general overview of the Allegan Fire District finances and to show the Fire Board's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the Allegan Fire District Chairman.

Joh W. Cook, Chairman Allegan Fire District

ALLEGAN FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT WIDE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Primary	Government
	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Total
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents Investments Receivables - net Prepaids Capital assets - net	\$ 64,474 0 44,405 6,195 0	\$ 64,474 0 44,405 6,195 0
Total Assets	115,074	115,074
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable Accrued and other liabilities Noncurrent Liabilities Due within one year Due in more than one year	1,671 43,500 0 0	1,671 43,500 0 0
Total Liabilities	45,171	45,171
NET ASSETS		
Invested in Capital Assets Net of related debt Restricted For Public safety	0 69,903	69 <u>,903</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 69,903</u>	\$ 69,903

ALLEGAN FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES TEN MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		ပို	Charges for	ŌĞ	Operating Grants and	0 2	Capital Grants and	Governmental	nental	Business-Type		
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Se	rvices	Co	'n	Con	Contributions	Activities	ies	Activities		Total
Primary Government Public safety	\$ 242,014 \$	€	40,668 \$	8	231,189 \$	\$	40,000 \$		69,843	0	\$ 0	69,843
Total Governmental Activities	242,014		40,668		231,189		40,000	99	69,843	0		69,843
Total Primary Government	\$ 242,014 \$	↔	40,668	8	231,189	8	40,000	9	69,843	0		69,843
	General Revenues Miscellaneous	sr Sr	s						09	0		09
	Transfers								0	0		0
	Total General Rev	Rev	/enues-Sp	ecia	enues-Special Items and Transfers	Tra	ınsfers		09	0		09
	Change in Net Assets	t As	sets					ğ	69,903	0		69,903
	Net Assets-Beginning	egin	ning						0	0		0
	Net Assets-Ending	ndinç	מ					8	<u>8 808 8</u>	9	8	69,903

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The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

ALLEGAN FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2006

Total General Capital Equipment Governmental Fund Fund	 c	4,4,40	4,405 0 4,405	0 40,000 40,000	6,195 0 6,195	75,074 40,000 115,074		0	0	3,500 0 3,500	45,171 0 45,171		0 40,000 40,000	29,903 0 29,903	29,903 \$ 40,000 \$ 69,903
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	ASSETS	casil and casil equivalents investments	Receivables - net	Due from other funds	Prepaids	Total Assets	LIABILITIES	Accounts payable	Due to other funds	Deferred revenue	Total Liabilities	FUND BALANCES Reserved for	Equipment purchases	Unreserved	Total Fund Balances

Net Assets of Governmental Activities
The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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ALLEGAN FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2006

	l		Capital	Total
	Ge Ge	General Fund	Equipment Fund	Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Grants	s	\$	0	0
Contributions from local units		231,189	40,000	271,189
Cost recovery charges		4,405	0	4,405
Service contracts		36,263	0	36,263
Interest and rentals		0	0	0
Donations		0	0	0
Other revenue		09	0	09
Total Revenues		271,917	40,000	311,917
Account Description				
Current		0	C	0.00
Public safety		242,014	0	242,014
Capital outlay		0	0	0
Total Expenditures		242.014	0	242,014
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)				
Expenditures		29,903	40,000	69,903
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in		0	0	0
Transfers (out)		0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources		•	(•
(nses)		0	0	0
Excess of Revenue and Other				
Sources Over (Under)		6	•	
Expenditures and Other Uses		29,903	40,000	69,903
Fund Balance- beginning		0	0	0
Fund Balance-ending	છ	29,903 \$	40,000	\$ 69,903

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Allegan Fire District was created, effective March 1, 2006, pursuant to the provisions of the State of Michigan's Public Act 33, of 1951, as amended, for the purpose of providing fire protection and related services for the City of Allegan and the Township of Allegan. A Joint Fire Administrative Board, the Allegan Fire District Fire Board, was created to administer and serve the Allegan Fire District as defined in its agreement.

The accounting policies of the Allegan Fire District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. The Reporting Entity

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity", these financial statements present the Fire District's Activity. The criteria established by the GASB for determining the reporting entity includes oversight responsibility, fiscal dependency, and whether the financial statements would be misleading if data were not included.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation
The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources
measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund
and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and
expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related
cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are
levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility
requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, state-shared revenue, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Capital Equipment Fund is a Special Revenue Fund of the Fire District. The Capital Equipment Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. <u>Measurement Focus</u>, <u>Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation</u> (continued)

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule would be charges between the government's enterprise funds and various other functions of the government. Eliminations of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned. The Fire District does not have enterprise funds.

Amounts reported as program revenue include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Bank Deposits and Investments-Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value.

Receivables and Payables-In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "advances to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

All trade receivables are shown as net of allowance for uncollectible amounts.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity (Continued)

Inventories and Prepaid Items-Inventories are valued at cost, on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

<u>Capital Assets</u>-Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings	30 to 40 years
Building Improvements	15 to 30 years
Roads	10 to 30 years
Fire Equipment & Fire Trucks	07 to 25 years
Vehicles	03 to 05 years
Office Equipment	05 to 07 years
Computer Equipment	03 to 07 years

All equipment purchased by the Allegan Fire District shall be the property of the District. Generally, all items and equipment transferred by the participating municipalities for use by the District shall remain the property of the respective participating municipality and lease for all such equipment and items shall be executed between the participating municipality and the District for the annual sum of One Dollar, which lease shall end upon expiration of the agreement. If withdrawal by participating municipalities, then purchased assets are refunded by the District, based on the cost-weighted formula for the last fiscal year that the municipality was part of the Fire District.

<u>Fund Equity</u>-In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

NOTE 2 - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Government-wide financial statements do not differ from the Governmental fund financial statements. No debt or fixed assets are recorded by the Fire District.

Governmental Fund Balances \$ 69,903

Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 69,903

NOTE 3 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

<u>Budgetary Information</u>-The Fire District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. These budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- 2. The Board approves, by ordinance, total budget appropriations only. Any revisions that alter the total appropriations of any fund must be approved by the Board, therefore, the level of budgetary responsibility is by total appropriations however, for report purposes, this level has been expanded to a functional basis (Public Safety).
- 3. Unused appropriations for all of the above annually budgeted funds lapse at the end of the year.
- 4. The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts as revised during the year.

<u>Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds</u> - During the year the Local Government Unit did exceed the budget in three line items:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Benefits	14,470	18,138
Repair & Maintenance/fuel	29,700	35,014
Legal and professional	3,500	5,241

<u>Fund Deficits</u>-The Local Governmental Unit has no accumulated fund balance deficits at this time.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the local governmental unit to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations which have an office in Michigan. The local unit is allowed to invest in bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government of federal agency obligations; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The Local Governmental Unit Board has designated several banks for the deposit of Local Unit funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in bonds and securities of the United States government and bank accounts and CDs, but not the remainder of State statutory authority as listed above.

The Local Governmental Unit's deposits and investment policy are in accordance with statutory authority.

At year-end, the Local Unit's deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Total Primary Government
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 64,474</u>	<u>\$ 64,474</u>

The breakdown between deposits and investments is as follows:

	Government
Bank Deposits (checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit) Investments in Securities, Mutual Funds and Similar Vehicles	\$ 64,474 -
Petty Cash and Cash on Hand	
Total	<u>\$ 64,474</u>

The bank balance of the primary government's deposits is \$64,474 of which \$64,474 is covered by federal depository insurance.

NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of year-end for the government's individual major, nonmajor funds, and fiduciary funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are reported in the Government Wide Statement of Net Assets as follows:

	Ma	ijor Fi	unds	_	
	General	Cap	ital Equip	_	
	Fund	-	Fund		Total
Fire Calls Receivable	\$ 16,206	\$	0	\$	16,206
Due from other funds	0		0		0
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	 (11,801)		0		(11,801)
Net Receivables	\$ 4,405	\$	0	\$	4,405

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets purchased by the Allegan Fire District are owned by the Fire District. The Fire District has no authority to levy any tax or to issue any bond or to indebt the participating municipalities except to enforce the agreed upon contributions. The participating municipalities can each raise necessary monies as they see fit according to law.

The Allegan Fire District did not purchase any capital assets during the fiscal period of audit.

NOTE 7 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLE AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances is as follows:

Due To/From Other Funds Receivable Fund		Payable Fund	Amount
Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 40,000	General	\$ 40,000
Total	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
Interfund Transfers		Transfers (Out)	
	General	Non-Major Governmental	
Transfers In	Fund	Funds	Total
Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total	\$ 0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

NOTE 8 - LOCAL UNIT CONTRIBUTIONS & CONTRACT REVENUES

The annual approved budget for operations and capital equipment reserves is supported by contributions from the member units of the Fire District in proportion to their respective share - determined by a formula that incorporates population, taxable value, percentage of fire runs in a unit's area, etc. The City of Allegan contributed a total of \$153,492, which includes \$22,640 in capital equipment restrictions. The Township of Allegan contributed a total of \$117,697, which includes \$17,360 in capital equipment restrictions.

The Fire Board also provides services to the Townships of Monterey, Valley, Trowbridge and Cheshire (non member units).

NOTE 9 - COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE

The Fire District approved a cost recovery ordinance, allowing the district to bill persons, entities, and corporations determined to be responsible for certain assessable services, including materials, equipment, manpower, administration and other costs, including those for injuries or damage to people or property to the situation to which the Allegan Fire District responded.

NOTE 10 - REAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENTS

The Allegan Fire District leases two fire stations, one each from the City of Allegan and the Township of Allegan. The initial building lease, beginning December 7, 2006 and ending December 2016, is renewable for an additional ten year period. For each location, lease payments of One Dollar are due annually on November 1st. The Allegan Fire District is responsible for building utilities, repair and maintenance.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ALLEGAN FIRE DISTRICT BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance With Amended Budget
Beginning of Year Fund Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Resources (Inflows)				
Grants	0	0	0	0
Contributions from local units	285,425	285,425	231,189	(54,236)
Cost recovery charges	10,000	10,000	4,405	(5,595)
Service contracts	20,000	20,000	36,263	16,263
Interest and rentals	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous revenues	0	0	60	60
Transfers from other funds	0	0	0	0
Amounts Available for Appropriation	315,425	315,425	271,917	(43,508)
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows) Public Safety				
Salaries	70,000	70,000	55,000	15,000
Payroll taxes	6,355	6,355	4,806	1,549
Benefits -health, w/c, disb. ins	14,470	14,470	18,138	(3,668)
Firemans labor	100,000	100,000	84,981	15,019
Membership dues	3,000	3,000	. 0	3,000
Operating supplies	10,000	10,000	4,406	5,594
Utilities	18,500	18,500	8,220	10,280
Contracts/radio/uniforms	10,500	10,500	4,250	6,250
Repair & maintenance/fuel	29,700	29,700	35,014	(5,314)
Rentals	2,400	2,400	1,100	1,300
Fitness/training expense	6,000	6,000	682	5,318
Insurance -general	30,000	30,000	19,069	10,931
Legal and professional	3,500	3,500	5,241	(1,741)
Miscellaneous/bank service charges Capital outlay	2,000	2,000	1,107	893
Other capital outlay	9,000	9,000	0	9,000
Total Charges to Appropriations	315,425	315,425_	242,014	73,411
Budgetary Fund Balance-December 31	<u>\$</u> 0	\$ 0	\$ 29,903	\$ 29,903

ALLEGAN FIRE DISTRICT BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

ILAN E	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance with Amended Budget
Beginning of Year Fund Balance Resources (Inflows)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Contributions from local units	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
Amounts Available for Appropriation	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows) Public Safety				
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
Transfers to General Fund	0	0	0	0
Total Charges to Appropriations	0	0	0	0
Budgetary Fund Balance-December 31	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	\$ 40,000	<u>\$</u>

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May 23, 2007

Members of the Board Allegan Fire District Allegan, MI 49010

We have audited the books and records of the Allegan Fire District, as of and for the ten month period ended December 31, 2006.

In conjunction with our audit, and based on inquiries of management, as well as observations, we offer the following comments and recommendations for your consideration.

Fireman's Payment For Services

The Fire District pays its fire chief and deputy fire chief as W-2 employees. The volunteer fireman are currently being paid as subcontract laborers. We feel that the current treatment of the volunteer firemen as subcontract laborers should be evaluated against the Internal Revenue Service rules and regulations for employees versus subcontractor reporting. The areas of behavioral control which looks at control of schedules and training, financial control as it relates to the ownership of equipment, and the relationship tests all could lead the Internal Revenue Service to reclassify the subcontract laborer payments as employee wages. The prior treatment of these volunteer firemen as employees by the City of Allegan and the Township of Allegan could be reviewed by the Internal Revenue Service.

The current treatment of the volunteer firemen as subcontract laborers should be reviewed by management as the risk of recharacterization by the Internal Revenue Service to employees exists. This would mean that the Allegan Fire District would be subject to payroll taxes for these payments made to the volunteer firemen. The change to employee treatment from subcontract laborer by the Allegan Fire District should be reviewed immediately.

Budget Reporting

The budget approved by the Board for the period ending December 31, 2006 represents amounts for a twelve month period. The Allegan Fire District was in operation for a period of ten months. We have presented the budget in the audited financial statements using the budget as approved by the Board. We have observed in the minutes that the budget is evaluated by the Board at its monthly meetings. We would recommend that the Board review the budget and make any amendments to the budget prior to year-end to demonstrate that the Board has fulfilled its fiscal responsibility. The internal financial statements should be updated to include this budget to actual review as of the report dates.

Public Act 621 of 1978, section 18(1) as amended, provides that the Fire District shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

During the ten months ended December 31, 2006, the Fire District incurred expenditures in certain budgeted funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Benefits (health, w/c, disb. ins)	14,470	18,138
Repair & maintenance/fuel	29,700	35,014
Legal and professional	3,500	5,241

Capital Equipment Fund

The City of Allegan and Allegan Township each contribute funds for the Fire District's normal operations as well as funds restricted for the future purchase of new fire equipment. These restricted funds should be accounted for in the ledgers, so as to distinguish from the normal general operating funds.

Segragation of Duties

We recommend periodic reviews of the bank reconciliations and transaction processing in order to maintain strong internal controls over cash receipts and disbursements. We note that the Board approves disbursements and financial statements at each Board meeting.

Non-Interest Bearing and Insured Funds

As of the audit date, the Allegan Fire District held one non-interest bearing checking account. We recommend that this account be converted to interest bearing. The checking account balance was within the federally insured level as of December 31, 2006. Subsequent to the audit date, a certificate of deposit was opened for future equipment purchases. This deposit is also within the federally insured limit. We recommend that no more than \$ 200,000.00 be maintained in any one bank and that no more than \$ 100,000.00 be maintained in each account type (savings and demand accounts) in order to avoid risk of uninsured losses that may occur.

Other Matters

In general, the Board's books and records are in acceptable condition. All management functions are performing at an acceptable level of reliability. We greatly appreciate the complete cooperation of all the management personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Angle & Steffes, PC

Certified Public Accountants